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REFERENCES: a. ALO 416,5 May 62.

b. USCOB/CG USAB CABLE USAB 1168, 24 May 62.

c. USBER CABLE 2123 TO STATE DEPT; 1915 TO BONN;
1451 TO PARIS; 1223 TO USAREUR, 26 May 62.

d. USCOB/CG USAB CABLE USAB 1172,29 May 62,

e. USBER CABLE 2134 TO STATE DEPT; 1926 TO BONN,
1460 TO PARIS, 1232 TO USAREUR, 29 MAY 62.

f. ECJC-J-9-08850 USAREUR ,30 May 62, (LN 6883)

1. (S) Pending receipt of approval of ALO 416 I propose to
issue the following instructions regarding convoy operations:

"a. On an interim basis, pending the establishment of a
firm unilateral position, US armed military convoys transiting the
autobahn between Helmstedt and Berlin will consist of at least eight
vehicles. The Soviet checkpoint officials will be notified orally
fifteen to thirty minutes prior to arrival of such convoys at the
checkpoints. Convoy commanders will not repeat not accede to Soviet
demands to dismount for headcount when the total number of personnel;
exclusive of drivers, asst drivers and vehicle guards does not
exceed thirty."

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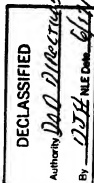
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"b. Small supply convoys of three or four vehicles will continue to move without advance notification and without personnel dismounting. Convoys of five to seven vehicles will be avoided and the Soviets will be given short advance notification of larger convoys.

"c. Planned convoys either armed or unarmed of more than twelve vehicles will be reported in advance to this Hq in order that separate operating instructions can be issued if appropriate."

2. (S) I visualize that these are interim instructions which will be most likely to avoid confrontation without concession to the Soviets and without setting precedents likely to jeopardize our ultimate position. They could remain in effect at least until 12 June, the date we propose to begin the next battle group rotation during which convoys will be considerably larger. For battle group convoys, and other large armed convoys, oral advance notice will, of course be given; also I anticipate that for these larger convoys, in order to facilitate and expedite processing, convoy commanders may be authorized to have their troops dismount alongside their vehicles, leaving at least two soldiers on each vehicle as guards.

3. (S) I believe that the time is rapidly approaching when we must go beyond interim instructions and establish firm conditions under which we would implement ALO 416 when approved. In the near future I will submit recommendations for convoy procedures which I feel we could accept and conditions which should provide the basis for implementation of ALO 416. I would hope to obtain approval of these prior to the 21 June meeting with General Vakhovsky. In the meantime, request your approval of the interim instructions contained in para 1 above.

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4. (S) Although the 21 June meeting has been agreed upon as a social meeting, it is expected that General Yakubovsky will probably raise business matters, and it is possible that the subject of autobahn operations may be one of these. In this connection I think that if a firm unilateral position concerning autobahn procedures has been established at that time, I should express our position in general terms and suggest that any further discussion be carried on at the commandant level. I would not attempt to discuss or resolve any detailed questions on the subject at the meeting, and would not myself raise the matter if Yakubovsky does not. I will, of course have position papers on this subject, along with other possible subjects he might bring up, prepared by the time I go to the meeting, based on the situation, our position and the political atmosphere existing at that time.

5. (S) Pending approval of the interim instructions proposed in para 1 above, instructions are being issued that the small convoy referred to in para 5, ref d, will be limited to four vehicles or less; further that the armed convoy on 9 June will be moved in accordance with para 1a above, SCP-4.

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